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[REDACTED] report on activities of the Hungarian trade mission in East Berlin between 1952 and November 1956.

[REDACTED] Hungarian attempts to purchase synthetic rubber and other products.

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COUNTRY: Hungary

SUBJECT: Hungary's Trade Mission Activities
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1. [redacted] in [redacted] 1952 to 27 November 1956) no official or unofficial liaison existed between C.N.I.E.C and the Hungarian Trade Mission with the exception of negotiations which took place in April 1956. In the trade agreement concluded with the DDR for 1956, Hungary had been granted 2,200 tons of synthetic rubber from the Buna Works (Chemische Werke Buna, Schkopau). This amount did not fill the requirements, and the Trade Mission was instructed to purchase 2,000 additional tons of buna. The application was rejected and the Trade Mission was told that 1,000 tons possibly could be bought from China where it was delivered in 1955 and stored since the Chinese were not yet in a position to process the material. A few meetings were then arranged at the Chinese Trade Mission in Berlin. However, Peking turned down the Hungarian request.

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the East German export-import enterprise, DEBOTRANS (formerly CHEMIPHA), Kronenstrasse 33, East Berlin, specialized in the procurement of Western products, probably including items on the China Embargo list. Payments were in hard currency and the prices were very high. The Hungarian Trade Mission never transacted any business with DEBOTRANS.

4.

The name of the DEBOTRANS representative, who usually called at the Hungarian Trade Mission, was Bronikowsky (fnu). No details were known about him.

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Budapest, ordering all commercial representations to purchase as much building material (cement, glass, bricks) and fuels (diesel oil, briquettes) as

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possible. Also, pitrops, fertilizers, sugar, and other items
[redacted] were requested. [redacted]
priority delivery of chloride of lime (for disinfection of water),
X-ray films, and sodium carbonate. By 25 November 200,000 square
meters of window glass were prepared for delivery by the East
German Government. This transaction was concluded within the
terms of the 1956 trade agreement. [redacted]

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Also, 5,000 tons of nitrogen
fertilizers were made available by the East German Government
as well as textiles and crackers. In mid-November, a State
grant of four million east marks was announced.

6. [redacted]

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[redacted] The Trade Mission was pre-
paring the commercial negotiations which normally started in
November. The trend was to import less machinery and equipment
to Hungary because it was assumed that the rate of industrializa-
tion would slow down.

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